



## RIJMS PTO

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:31pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of September meeting minutes. Jennifer McManaman made the motion and Mr. Novinski second.

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer, Kathy Gruber was absent. Mr. Novinski shared the highlights of the Treasurer's report. He shared we rocked the fundraiser. There were about \$300 worth of prizes earned and over \$10k was made because of the fundraiser. Approximately \$85 was made from the food cart, Aurelios was successful, approximately \$100 for Shoparoo and \$400 was allotted for the outdoor education. The PTO could sponsor students to attend the outdoor education program. About 5-6 teachers checks went out. The speaker was paid for and welcome back gifts taken care of.

**Principal's Report** given by Tom Novinski. Outdoor Ed was awesome. The PTO paid for about 4 students who couldn't go. Activities during the Outdoor Education Trip were to help foster team building. Some activities included students cooperating on a teams' challenge course, boated in kayaks & paddle boats, painting rocks based on the inspirational book by Linda Kranz *Only One You*, baiting a hook & fishing off a pier, archery, scrambled to the top of a climbing tower, challenged themselves on the high ropes course, cooked apple, cherry or pizza pies on an open fire and enjoyed family style lunch & dinners. The tentative Book Fair days and times during conferences are 11/2 3-8pm, 11/3 8am-1pm, On 11/4 from 8:30-11 there will be the Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast. The Fall School Dance is 10/20 from 5-7pm. It is a costume themed dance. Costumes must be school appropriate dress. On 10/23 there is SIP day, 11/17 bring your Vet, there will also be a Stem Night. On 10/27 & 10/28 the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys, Teacher's & Police will participate in a tournament. There are 5 middle schools who will play in this tournament; including Murphy's. This will be for the championship. This is a community event. Heritage grove will host this year's. There is a request for \$50 raffle from each PTO. 10/20 is when IJ PTO should have raffle item.

### **Committee Reports:**

**BOOK Fair:** Jennifer McManaman, President, shared volunteers sign up will be coming.

**Box Tops:** Jennifer McManaman, President, Contest from October 16 – October 20

**CAPE:** Jennifer McManaman, President, attended the CAPE meeting. The end of the quarter is the 10/20; there is early release on 10/23 for SIP; there was a discussion on the possible growth for full day kindergarten within district 202. The United Way is a highly important cause for Ira Jones. Last year, Ira Jones was the highest grossing school in the district. This is very important cause to IJ and the District 202 employees. Plainfield Social Media presentation – podcast on website if unable to attend.

**Family Dinner Night:** Jennifer McManaman, President, shared it was highly successful we made \$475. Our next Family Dinner night is scheduled at Savino's on 11/16 and it will be honored all day. McDonald's is scheduled on 12/12 from 4-8pm. McDonald's will donate approximately 100 pies.

**Hospitality-** Mr. Tom Novinski, Principal shared Julie Steben is organizing the staff meal as a Grab n go. The staff meal is scheduled for 11/2. The Giving Tree will be organized again this year.

**Membership:** Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Crissie Jenks just sent another membership spreadsheet. We are at approximately 280 members.

**School Store** – Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Carrie Roberts will send out another sign up. The existing sign up expires on 10/26.

**Spirit Wear:** Mr. Tom Novinski, Principal explained everything came in & was sent out.

**Student Council:** Danielle Ivins shared the Fall Dance is scheduled for 10/20. They are looking for volunteers. Currently they have 5 volunteers scheduled.

**Concessions** – No report.

**Color Run:** Jennifer McManaman & Danielle Ivins – no report.

**Old Business:** No report during October PTO meeting.

From September '17 minutes. Mrs. Domabyl requested the PTO purchase picnic tables for the teachers so they may sit outside during lunch time. There is a need for possibly two tables. Mr. Novinski shared the tables out front cost approximately \$900. Also, they will need to be attached because there is the fear of loss. In the past, nice items like these can get taken. PTO will review this request and work toward it. It was also suggested we reach out to the male and female Scout groups as they are often looking to complete projects, for instance build tables. We will also follow up with parents to gauge interest.

**New Business:** In January 2018 the IJ PTO needs to prepare for CAPE.

**Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussion:** PTO member Tori Fuesz attended a workshop at the DNR Yorkville Hoover Forest Preserve. While there she learned that grant money is available. There are approximately 25-30 privately funded grants available. PTO member Tori Fuesz questioned Mr. Novinski on the status of the teachers getting a contract. Mr. Novinski, explained that there are several steps to the process involved with the contract negotiations.

**Next Meeting:**

January 16

**Upcoming Events:** Coat Drive this week (1 week only) collect them in the morning  
Blood Drive first day of conferences  
Box Top Contest October 16-20<sup>th</sup>  
Fall School Dance October 20 at 5:30  
Early Release October 23  
No School/Parent Teacher Conferences Nov. 2 & 3  
Book Fair October 30 – November 3  
Veteran's Day Breakfast November 4  
Family Dinner Night Savino's November 16<sup>th</sup> – All day  
Thanksgiving Break November 22, 23 & 24  
Family Dinner Nights at McDonald's December 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm – Pie Night  
Early Release December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Winter Break December 25 – January 5th

Meeting adjourned 6:57pm.